attention has been drawn to the Press report but in the absence of any specific complaint no action can be taken.

Inspection of Indian Express by CLB

2756. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 1990 a Company Law Board team after finding definite proof of mismanagement and siphoning of funds by the Management of Indian Express Groups, suggested detailed inspection by the inspectors of the CLB; and

(b) if so, whether the inspection has been made, if so, what is the result thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Arising out of inspection of the books of *account of the companies belonging* to Indian Express Group under Section 209A of the Companies Act, 1956, carried out during 1987, the Company Law Board ordered an investigation under Section 237 (b) of the Act on, 13-11-1987 to investigate into the affairs of 8 companies. The investigation order has been stayed by the Hon. High Court at Bombay and the appeal filed by the Government for vacation of stay is pending.

Recodification of the Companies Act, 1956

2757. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to UnStarred Question 1046 given in the Rajya Sabha on the July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision about the recodification of the Companies Act, 1956;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) when a suitable legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Government is endeavouring to introduce the Bill recodifying the Companies Act, 1956 as early as possible. The general approach of the Government in making changes in Company Law is to provide for more effective investor protection in view of the rapid growth of the capital market and spread of equity culture, rationalisation and streamlining of the provisions of the Act in tune with the changed environment in which manufacturing and other companies must operate and for better management of companies.

Setting up of special cell to deal with police atrocities

2758. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of High Courts which have so far set up special cells to, deal with complaints of police atrocities, custodial deaths and torture of poor men, women and children; and

(b) the number and details of such complaints taken up/decided so far in 1992 by each High Court and the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected, and will be laid on the Table of the House.